

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1062 - SB 1229

March 25, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a county mayor, upon the delivery of an unclaimed body for burial at public expense, to dispose of the body by cremation or burial notwithstanding any objection to the contrary.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Under current law, burial is the only authorized method for disposal of an unclaimed body.
- Upon cremation, the ashes would be placed in a temporary container or urn, which may be interred, entombed, or inurned as chosen by the county mayor.
- According to a limited survey of Davidson County funeral homes, any decrease in expenditures realized, should a county mayor choose to cremate the dead body, will not be significant.
- According to the Comptroller of the Treasury, assuming cremation is less expensive than burials, any estimated decrease in local government expenditures experienced as a result of county mayors choosing to cremate the remains of a dead body will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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